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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 065691-0145

Applicants: Louis DeLesalle *et al.*

Title: RECOMBINANT PLANT GENOME, COMPRISING
SPECIFIC CHICORY GENES AND A NUCLEOTIDE
SEQUENCE CONFERRING MALE STERILITY, AND ITS
USE

Application No.: 09/194,598

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REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.113

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Sir:

This is a response to an Advisory Action dated June 25, 2002, and a supplemental amendment and reply to an Office Action filed on May 13, 2002. This response includes a timely filed Notice of Appeal which is due on July 14, 2002, and an attached Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the required fees.

Prior to reconsideration, Applicants respectfully request the Office to amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Thrice Amended) A recombinant plant genome comprising at least one chicory gene and a male-sterility-conferring sequence with at least 50% homology with the sunflower orf 522 sequence, wherein said male-sterility-conferring sequence comprises polynucleotide sequences having the sequence shown in SEQ ID NOS:1 and 2.